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1. EMBOFF APRIL 26 RAISED WITH EXTAFF OFFICIALS (A. MATHEWSON AND D. ROSE, DEFENSE RELATIONS) QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF CANADIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN SUMMIT SESSIONS. MATHEWSON SAID DEFENSE MINISTER DANSON, CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF ADMIRAL FALLS AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLICY PAT BLACK WOULD BE THE THREE DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON CANADIAN DELEGATION. BALANCE OF DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF THREE OFFICIALS FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MINISTER JAMIESON, UNDER SECRETARY GOTLIEB AND MATHEWSON HIMSELF) AND THREE FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PRIME MINISTER AND TWO OTHERS).

2. MATHEWSON WILL PASS QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL TO DEPARTMENT NATIONAL DEFENCE (DND) FOR ANSWERS BUT DID NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTICIPATE EARLY RESPONSE DUE DOMESTIC PREOCCUPATION WITH POSSIBLE FEDERAL ELECTION. EXTENT OF DANSON'S PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON SUMMIT WOULD DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE ON STATUS OF ELECTION AT THAT TIME. MATHEWSON GUESSED DANSON WOULD BE PRESENT FOR SECOND DAY ONLY. ALSO BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE ELECTION, JAMIESON PARTICIPATION ON SECOND DAY IS NOT CERTAIN.

3. EXTAFF WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DOD PROGRAM FOR SECOND DAY MENTIONED IN PARA 2 REFTEL AS IT WOULD HELP IN MAKING DECISION AS TO THE DND PARTICIPATION.

4. MATHEWSON REVIEWED IN GENERAL CANADIAN ATTITUDES REGARDING THE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED FOR WASHINGTON SUMMIT. WITH REGARD TO OPENING SESSION AT KENNEDY CENTER, MATHEWSON SAID CANADIANS STRONGLY SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO RESTRICT STATEMENTS, ADDING HE DIDN'T THINK PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WOULD MAKE ANY STATEMENT AT THAT TIME. MATHEWSON SAW FIRST DAY AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR INTIMATE, BROADLY-BASED DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES. CANADIAN SIDE HAD NO PROBLEMS "OF COURSE" WITH LUNCHEON BEING ON RESTRICTED BASIS. ON STRICTLY PERSONAL BASIS, MATHEWSON WONDERED WHETHER "ONE-PLUS-ONE (HEAD OF STATE AND FOREIGN MINISTER)" AFTERNOON SESSION ON FIRST DAY MIGHT BE "OVERLY RESTRICTIVE". ONE-PLUS-TWO ARRANGEMENT (PERMITTING, FOR EXAMPLE, NATO PERMREP OF COUNTRY TO JOIN HIS HEAD OF STATE AND FOREIGN MINISTER) MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL.

5. MATHEWSON RECOGNIZED THAT TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE (TAD) COULD EQUALLY WELL BE TAKEN UP ON FIRST OR SECOND DAY (IN CONNECTION WITH LTDP). HIS PREFERENCE, NOT YET CLEARED IN GOC, WOULD BE TO HAVE TAD, OR ASPECTS OF IT, DISCUSSED FIRST DAY. ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS TAD WILL HAVE IMPACT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPACITY OF ALLIANCE TO SUSTAIN EFFORT, AND THUS RATES FIRST DAY TREATMENT. IN ADDITION TO TAKING THIS KEY ISSUE OUT OF USUAL CONTEXT, FIRST DAY CONSIDERATION OF IT MIGHT LEAD TO AT LEAST ONE CONCRETE RESULT BEING ACHIEVED THAT DAY.

6. GOC HAD NOT CONCENTRATED ON SECOND DAY ARRANGEMENTS, MATHEWSON SAID. PRESUMABLY PRIME MINISTER, DEFENSE MIN. AND FOREIGN MIN. WILL BE AT TABLE WITH OTHERS (CANADIAN PERMREP, ETC.) BEHIND. MATHEWSON ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH DELEGATION NUMBERS ON THAT DAY AND SOUGHT CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

7. WITH REGARD TO MILITARY BRIEFING PROPOSED FOR SECOND DAY, MATHEWSON SAW MERIT IN THIS ONLY IF IT GIVEN BY SOMEONE OF STATURE IN WHOM ALL HAD CONFIDENCE--SUCH AS SECRETARY BROWN--AND IF ITS FOCUS WAS ON EAST-WEST BALANCE OF STRENGTH AND NOT HARDWARE-ORIENTED.

8. CANADIANS ANXIOUS TO AVOID "TRADITIONAL" NATO COMMUNIQUE. GOC PREFERENCE IS FOR ONE DOCUMENT WITH THREE ANNEXES: ONE TO COVER EAST-WEST STUDIES, ANOTHER FOR LTDP, AND THE THIRD ON NON-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY; ARMS

CONTROL, DISARMAMENT, ETC. THIS LATTER ANNEX WOULD
DEMONSTRATE NATO HAS A ROLE IN PROMOTING SECURITY BY MEANS
OTHER THAN LTDP. ENDERS

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